

**Final
Defense Supply Center Richmond
Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2006**

The meeting for the Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at Bensley Community Building on July 10, 2006. The meeting began at 7:35 P.M. There was not a quorum of members present.

Attendees

- Voting RAB Members— George Beadles, Joyce Jackson, Lonnie McCoy, and Avala Rose.
- Ex Officio Nonvoting Members—Charles Carrell, DSCR, Facility Co-Chair; Jim Cutler, Virginia DEQ; and Jack Potosnak, USEPA.
- Advisors—Steven Edlavitch, Mark Leeper, and Adrienne Moore, DSCR Environmental Office; Roy Shrove, **Air Force Center For Environmental Excellence (AFCEE)**; and Gleness Knauer, Satellite Resources Facilitator

Opening Remarks

The Facilitator, Gleness Knauer, opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M. She noted that the Community Co-Chair was not in attendance and asked Charles Carrell, Facility Co-Chair to lead the meeting. Steven Edlavitch introduced several guests in attendance including the evening's speaker, Patty Reyes of Mitretek Systems, Manish Joshi, Earth Tech, and Patrick Haas,, Haas and Associates. Ms. Knauer indicated that the evening's agenda would include a brief review of the public meeting held on June 27, 2006.

Summary of Public Meeting

Steven Edlavitch provided an overview of the public meeting that was held to present the proposed plan for remediation of OU-8, contaminated groundwater in the area of the former acid neutralization pits. Adrienne Moore gave an introduction and facility overview to start the public meeting. Cynthia Draper of MACTEC provided the technical explanation of the remediation plan for OU-8. The public asked a few questions but had no adverse comments to the plan.

Cleanup Program Update

- Steven Edlavitch indicated that the next groundwater sampling event is scheduled for late July. Any RAB member wishing to observe the sampling was asked to make their request to Steve **Edlavitch** or Mark Leeper by the end of the night's meeting.
- DSCR is planning to install the asphalt cap at OU-12 by fall. Installation of a cap over soils impacted by pesticide operations will prevent migration of contamination (George Beadles asked that Steve **Edlavitch** clarify these are quarters of the fiscal, not calendar, year.)
- Steve **Edlavitch** reminded everyone that the public comment period continues on the remedial action plan for OU-8 until July 17, 2006. After that date a summary of the

comments will be prepared for the record along with DSCR's response and resolution for each comment.

- DSCR environmental office is still reviewing historical comments for OU-2.
- First quarter groundwater sampling results from OU-6 and OU-7 have now been examined. Results show an increase in contaminant concentration in 2 of 8 wells. The other 6 wells show no change or a decrease in concentration.
- Steve **Edlavitch** indicated that additional progress is anticipated for OUs-10 and 11 near the end of the year. DSCR may even be ready for a public meeting for OU-10 at that time. The erosion is being addressed. We will talk more about these units at the September RAB meeting.
- The Feasibility Study for OU-13 is in preparation for submittal to USEPA and VA DEQ.

Issues Log

Adrianne Moore led discussion of the issues log.

- Each open item in the Issues Log was discussed
- Jack Potosnak brought several copies of EPA's Community Involvement Handbook for RAB members as requested at the June meeting.
- The next newsletter will contain biographies of new RAB members.
- Lonnie McCoy asked that no issue be closed at this meeting since Janet Moe, the Community Co-Chair, was not in attendance.
- George Beadles asked that two new issues be added to the log.
 - Request for information from Annual Report to Congress on how TAPP funds were used.
 - Provide Janet **Moe** with a copy of tonight's transcript so she can get an accurate sense of the discussions.

Public Forum

The meeting was opened for any comments or questions from the RAB or the public.

- George Beadles disagreed with earlier statements that few comments were made by the public at the OU-8 Public Meeting because of the success of the RAB. He said we still have not been able to reach the general public and get them to participate.
- Lonnie McCoy asked who attended the public meeting and was told just two RAB members.
- Roy Shrove said non-involvement by the public is a chronic problem for all projects like the Cleanup Program at DSCR. At this stage the data is very dry making it hard to keep the public interested.
- Patty Reyes asked George Beadles what else can be done to bring the public into the process? George did not have any ideas but said the public believes no matter what they say, DSCR will do what they want to do.
- Lonnie added that early in the RAB process he believes the public was treated rudely so now they stay away.
- Charles Carrell asked if it might help to hold RAB meetings at an alternate time, maybe late afternoon. No agreement was voiced.
- Jim Cutler remarked that he saw a "disconnect" in communication when he first joined the RAB about a year ago. Since then he has noticed RAB members becoming much more technically sophisticated. Their constituents probably feel more comfortable that they are

being adequately represented by the RAB and don't feel the need to attend meetings in person.

- George Beadles said it helps to have the technical information presented so they can understand it. For instance, Mark Leeper gave a very good explanation of a technical issue at the last RAB meeting. It was concise yet provided enough detail for understanding.

Technical Presentation: "TAPP Grants--Technical Assistance for Public Participation"

Patty Reyes of Mitretek Systems described a program, funded through DOD that helps citizens become better able to participate in the decision-making processes regarding remediation of contamination at military bases. Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is available per year up to a maximum of \$100,000 to any Restoration Advisory Board for procuring its own independent advisor(s) that can provide assistance in interpreting scientific and engineering issues regarding the environmental hazards of contaminants and how best to reduce those hazards. TAPP grants are funded from the same pool of money appropriated for cleanup activities. The grants are relatively small and are not be used to collect independent data, only for interpretation of data already available to the RAB. These funds also are not to be used for litigation, reopening of final decisions, conducting disputes, political activities, health studies, or community outreach.

A discussion ensued among the Board members about whether or not this RAB should apply for TAPP funds. Lonnie McCoy did not think an outside advisor was really needed. George Beadles said DSCR seems to provide whatever information the RAB asks for and he asked then if we could obtain the annual report to Congress on use of these funds. The report would provide information on how other RABs have used TAPP funds, what questions were asked, and what technologies have been tried. George Beadles asked that his request be added to the issues log. In deciding if the RAB should seek out an independent advisor, the central issue seemed to be what specific question does the RAB need to answer that meets the criterion for applying for TAPP funds.

Public Comment

Lonny McCoy reiterated that he believes all trust has been lost between Rayon Park citizens and DSCR and that lack of trust accounts for the citizen's lack of participation.

Administrative Items were not dealt with because we did not have a quorum

Meeting Adjourned

- Lonnie McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joyce Jackson seconded.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next RAB Meeting scheduled for August 14, 2006.

Technical Topic: Briefing on Off-Site Contamination from OU-7